

ELECTRONIC MAIL
September 10, 2017

Catherine R. McCabe
Acting Regional Administrator
USEPA Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007-1866

Subject: Energy Answers Arecibo, LLC
Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Permit Commencement of Construction Notification

Dear Acting Regional Administrator McCabe:

Please accept this letter as notification of the commencement of construction of the Arecibo Renewable Energy and Resource Recovery Project (the Project), pursuant to requirements provided in 40 CFR Part 52.21 and Section II of the Energy Answers Arecibo, LLC Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Final Permit conditions.

With respect to the definition of “commence” provided in 40 CFR 52.21, Energy Answers Arecibo, LLC, the Project owner, has entered into binding contractual obligation, with SNC-Lavalin Puerto Rico, INC, in the form of a Turnkey Construction Agreement, to undertake the construction of the Arecibo Resource Recovery Facility within a construction schedule of approximately 42-months. This contract includes the installation of site-specific materials, equipment and facilities that will become permanent components of the Project. Onsite physical work has commenced in support of the design and installation of the Project pilings and foundations. Cancellation of this contract, even at this early stage, would result in the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars in construction and engineering work and tens of millions of dollars of development work.

Additionally, the Project has obtained and maintains in full effect, the necessary preconstruction permits and approvals required under Federal and Puerto Rico air quality control laws, rules and regulations.

Should you have any questions please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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